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Docket No. 01-0540
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Advanced Tel, Inc., d/b/a "EATEL" :
: Application for a certificate of
interexchange authority :
to operate as a seller of telecommunications :
services statewide within the :
State of Illinois. :

01-0540

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

(Use additional sheets as necessary.)

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any)

FEIN # 72-1025691

Advanced Tel, Inc. d/b/a EATEL

Address: Street 913 South Burnside Avenue

City Gonzales State/Zip Louisiana 70737

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply)

☐ 13-403 Facilities Based Interexchange

☒ 13-404 Resale of Local and/or Interexchange (Only)

☐ 13-405 Facilities Based Local

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for local exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting and explain why Applicant is requesting each waiver/variance.

☒ Part 710 Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Carriers

The Applicant respectfully requests waiver of 83 Ill. Admin. Code Part 710, which requires it to keep its books pursuant to Uniform System of Accounts ("USOA") principles. The Applicant currently maintains its books and records in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). No other jurisdiction requires the Applicant to maintain its books pursuant to USOA principles. Therefore, without a waiver, the Applicant would be required to maintain two sets of books. This is an extremely onerous requirement, particularly because GAAP accurately reflects the Applicant's operations. Because the use of USOA principles would be unduly burdensome, and would provide little additional

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information to the Commission, a waiver of the USOA requirements is hereby requested.

 X Part 735 Procedures Governing the Establishment of Credit, Billing,
Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone
Directories for Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the
State of Illinois

The Applicant respectfully requests waiver of 83 Ill. Admin Code Part 735, Procedures Governing Credit, Billing, Deposits, Termination of Service and Issuance of Telephone Directories for Local Exchange Telecommunications Carriers in the State of Illinois. This Part was adopted primarily to protect consumers from costly and unwarranted billing practices engaged in by monopoly telecommunications carriers. Realistically, as a new provider of resold interexchange telecommunications service in an intensely competitive market, wherein both regulators and consumers have begun to scrutinize providers closely, the Applicant will be unable to impose unfair practices upon unwitting consumers. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission waive application of this Part.

 Section 735.180 Directories

 Other

4. For all applicants requesting local exchange authority under Section 13-404 or Section 13-405, please complete the following: **Not applicable; only seeking interexchange authority.**
- (a) the Standard Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix A of this document
 - (b) the 9-1-1 Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix B of this document;
 - (c) the Financial Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix C of this document; and
 - (d) if applicable, the Prepaid Service Questions for Applicants Seeking Local Exchange Service Authority found in Appendix D of this document.
5. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

The Applicant proposes to provide resold interexchange telecommunications service throughout the State of Illinois.

6. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:
issues related to processing this application
- a) consumer issues
 - b) customer complaint resolution
 - c) technical and service quality issues
 - d) "tariff" and pricing issues
 - e) 9-1-1 issues
 - f) security/law enforcement

Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address.

Janet S. Britton, Manager of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, 913 South Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, Louisiana 70737, Telephone: (225) 621-4498 and Facsimile: (225) 647-7927, janet@eatel.com

7. Please check type of organization?

☐ Individual

☐ Partnership

☐ Other (Specify)

☒ Corporation

Date corporation was formed February 5, 1985

In what state? Louisiana

8. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois. A copy of the Applicant's Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." A copy of the Applicant's Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of Illinois is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

9. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

Louisiana

Mississippi

Applicant presently has applications pending in the State of Florida and Alabama.

10. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

☐ YES (Please provide details) ☒ NO

11. Have there been any complaints or judgements levied against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

12. Has Applicant provided service under any other name?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list. _____

13. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission waive the requirements of 83 111. Admin. Code Part 250, and accordingly, that the Commission permit the Applicant to maintain its books, accounts, papers, records, memoranda, etc. at its corporate headquarters, in Gonzales, Louisiana, where all personnel responsible for the maintenance of these documents are located. Establishing and maintaining a location in the State of Illinois for the sole purpose of maintaining books, accounts, papers, records, memoranda, etc. would create a significant additional cost to the Applicant's operations, and would be unduly burdensome. The Applicant will be represented by a statutory agent in the State of Illinois for service of process, and will provide the Commission with access to its books, accounts, papers, records, memoranda, etc. upon request.

MANAGERIAL

14. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms. **See Exhibit "C."**

15. List officers of Applicant.

DANIEL J. AHERN, PRESIDENT

A.G. SCANLAN, II, CEO &
TREASURER

JOHN D. SCANLAN, EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT
AND VICE CHAIR

BERYL S. SMITH, SECRETARY

16. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? X YES NO

If YES, list entity. TLX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

17. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? (At a minimum, describe how often the Applicant will bill for service and details of the billing statement.)

Billing is handled through East Ascension Telephone Co., Inc., an affiliated incumbent local exchange carrier in Louisiana. East Ascension Telephone Co., Inc. and Advanced Tel, one of our sister companies owned by the parent company) customer service orders, inquires and complaints will be handled through its Customer Service Center in Gonzales, Louisiana. East Ascension Telephone Co., Inc. , customer service can be reached at 225-621-4211.

18. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints? (At a minimum, describe Applicant's internal process for complaint resolution, the complaint escalation process, the timeframe and process by which the customer is notified by Applicant that they may seek assistance from the Commission?)

Billing is handled through East Ascension Telephone Co., Inc., an incumbent local exchange carrier in Louisiana. Advanced Tel customer service orders, inquires and complaints will be handled through its Customer Service Center in Gonzales, Louisiana. East Ascension Telephone Co., Inc. , customer service can be reached at 225-621-4211. Applicant will resolve all service, maintenance, and billing issues raised by customers in a reasonable and timely manner.

19. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? X YES NO

20. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

225-621-4211

21. Will Applicant abide by all Federal and State slamming and cramming laws pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act?

 X YES NO

22. Please describe applicant's procedures to prevent slamming and cramming of customers?

Advanced Tel actively monitors state and federal regulations on slamming and cramming, pursuant to Section 13-902 of the Public Utilities Act and Section 258 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

23. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 730, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If no, please provide an explanation.)

Not applicable. By this application, the Applicant seeks authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications only.

24. Is Applicant aware that it must file tariffs prior to providing service in Illinois?

☒ YES ☐ NO (See Exhibit "E" attached hereto)

FINANCIAL

25. Please attach evidence of Applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service. **See attached Exhibit "D."**

TECHNICAL

26. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list the facilities Applicant intends to utilize. Also include evidence that Applicant possesses the necessary technical resources to deploy and maintain said facilities:

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does the Applicant intend to use?

Global Crossing or MCI WorldCom

27. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, data services, local service, prepaid local service).

Long distance service, debit cards, Internet

28. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

☒ YES ☐ NO

29. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? X YES NO


(Signature of Applicant)
DANIEL J. AHERN, PRESIDENT

VERIFICATION

This application shall be verified under oath.

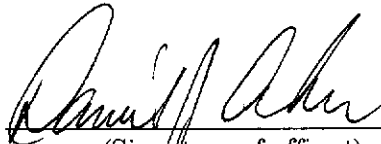
OATH

State of LOUISIANA)
)ss
County of PARISH OF ASCENSION)

DANIEL J. AHERN makes oath and says that he is the President
(Insert here the name of affiant) (Insert the official title of the affiant)

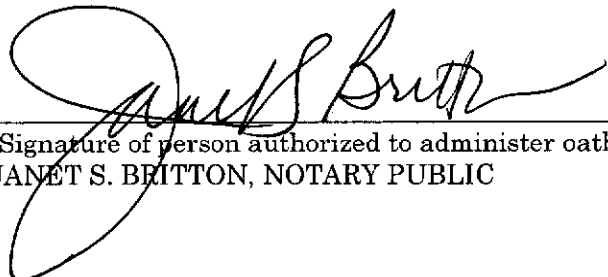
of ADVANCED TEL. INC.
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the Applicant)

that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.


(Signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public/ Manager of Legal and Regulatory Affairs
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and Parish above named, this 8th day of August, 2001.


(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)
JANET S. BRITTON, NOTARY PUBLIC